

Andrew Jackson to Isaac Roberts, January 2, 1806, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO ISAAC ROBERTS.1

1 Nov. 29, 1805, Governor Sevier called on Jackson for a complete return of his division, and directed him to have the militia in a complete state of readiness for service. Jackson received the order on Dec. 16. Next day he called on the brigadier-generals under him to make returns. Dec. 30 he made to the governor "a complete return", made out in accord with his own call of the 17th. His statement in this matter is not consistent with the letter here given, written to Brig.-Gen. Isaac Roberts.

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Sir , You will without delay cause to be made to me a compleat return of the strength and condition of your Brigade. a compliance with this order is required on or before the 5th. instant and a failure must not happen.

The Pressing manner of the order from the war department to our Executive and from him to me require the greatest promptitude in compliance. I have been furnished with the returns of the 4th and 6 Brigades agreeable to my orders of the 17th ultimo and have only been delayed in forwarding my return by this mail from the want of yours. By next mail My return I must make regardless of consequences as it may relate to you, should I not be in possession of your returns agreeable to this and my order of the 17th ultimo.

Health and respect